

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I would first like to clarify the hoodwinking that some people think occurred on General File. I don't know what some people thought was going on but let me reiterate what the situation was in my estimation. We had a bill that had come up before for debate. We had considered it and we had not taken action on it and it was brought up again. And at that time just before I came on the floor there was a letter circulated by the Nursing Home Association saying they liked the NLRA definition part of the bill. The only concern they had was the last sentence and we had heard that before from some other people and it just seemed to me that if we were down to one sentence, that if we got the lawyers from the different sides together and different people and just talked about it, certainly one sentence could be worked out. that if we could figure a change in it or somehow attempt to rectify the situation certainly one sentence out of a whole bill ought to be able to be compromised. And so I got up, and I quote, and I said, "I am convinced that the conflict is now narrowed down to such a level that it seems as though we might be able to with some people sit down and try and work this thing out, and so I am going to ask this body to advance the bill to Select File and I am going to pledge and vow that I am going to work with Senator Barrett, if he is willing, and with those different attorneys to sit down over this issue and try to figure out why we are having such a wide variety of interpretation of that last sentence. So I ask that this body advance LB 213 and I am going to ask that you do that with the recognition that we are going to try to work out that last sentence and I will sit down with both sides and Senator Barrett, who is Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee, and see if we can't reach some agreement because I think we are a lot closer than people realize in this issue. So with that, I would ask for your support of the motion to advance." Now did I say anywhere in there that I was sure that the compromise was there? Did I say that it was all worked out and that it was just a matter of putting on the amendment on Select File? No. I said there was one sentence of conflict and it seemed to me with one sentence in conflict that we could sit down and rational people could work something out. I don't think I made promises I haven't kept and I don't think those that are here that are supporting this bill hoodwinked anybody and I am tired of hearing the fact that maybe that was what